

amended be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER: All we need is a voice vote on this. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. The bill is advanced. Are there any Resolutions on the desk?

CLERK: Legislative Resolution #54. Read.

SPEAKER: The Resolution will be referred to the Executive Board.

CLERK: Mr. President, another..

SPEAKER: Just a minute, Mr. Clerk. Senator Carpenter, do you have...

SENATOR CARPENTER: We are talking on Resolutions now, are we? The introduction of Resolutions.

SPEAKER: Introduction of Resolutions, yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd like to get the reaction from this body. I'm now speaking as the Chairman of the Legislative Council, not for them. I'm only trying to get a sense of direction to see if we are in agreement on these Resolutions. There, apparently, are a large number of them. It would be my belief and understanding that the Standing Committees would accept these Resolutions as if they were bills, if the Committee to which they are referred did not desire to hold a study. That, in my judgment, would end it, like it would end a bill. It would have to do that because we would not be in session. There would be no way by which we could override the gentlemen of the Committee. That's number one. Now, number two, we have built up a staff which is a first time of probably 18 members. It is going to cost a great sum of money and speaking only as one member of the Council, I would be opposed to deluding that staff to have any of its members of the 18 travel with an Interim Study Committee. The reason being is that we are now in an difficult position in the area of budgeting for the state of Nebraska. In my judgment, it will be more difficult next year when we meet in January and for that reason, I think it is good common sense that the staff, as it now or will exist, which basically belongs to the Executive Council and which has transferred our responsibility, for the time being at least, to the Budget Committee and specifically to Senator Marvel. He assumed the full responsibility under his guidance and jurisdiction for the activity of this staff. So, I would like to discuss, have the body react to two things. Is it your understanding and are you in concurrence that a Resolution for an Interim Study has the same effect to a Standing Committee as a bill? Number one, it doesn't necessarily mean that the Committee is going to hold a hearing. It only means that if a majority of that Committee in the Standing Committee is in concurrence, then it will because if the Committee does not do that, there is no appeal from their judgment because we are not in session. I think this is highly important. I'd like to have your reaction before the Executive Council meets again and I would presume they would also like to have your reaction. Is there any objection in this body, and if there is, I hope you express it now to the Executive Council that in your judgment the reference of a Interim Study is the same as a reference of a bill to a Standing Committee, and then it is up to a majority of the members of that Standing Committee as to whether or not you have a study or not. I'd like to separate the things in to two parts and I'd like to have your reaction if there is anybody here who is opposed to that interpretation of the Rules, that may or may not exist.